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REPORTER'S LIBEL SUIT.

Labour Candidate's Charge Of "Faked Report."

Sitting at the Birmingham Assizes on December 3, Mr. Justice Byles heard a libel action in which Richard Hazellou Ross, a reporter on the staff of the Birmingham Daily Post, with which he is associated, the Birmingham Daily Mail, sued Councilor Kneshaw, Labour candidate for West Birmingham in opposition to Mr. Austen Chamberlain. The case arose out of a report of a speech made by the defendant.

Plaintiff's counsel, instructed by the National Union of Journalists, said that last May defendant made an unjustifiable attack on Mr. Austen Chamberlain in connection with his holding of shares in an armament firm. (He was merely trustee, and derived no personal benefit).

Mr. Kneshaw wrote to the Mail saying it was a "faked" report, and covered only a small portion of his speech.

It was true that the defendant, in his speech, used the words "my opponents," and that the plaintiff, for clearance, turned this into "Mr. Austen Chamberlain." But it did not purport to be more than a summary of the speech. By "faked" Mr. Ross understood defendant to imply that he had been guilty of wilful distortion of facts to the prejudice of the speaker.

Defendant's counsel said the term "faked" report referred to the paper alone, and not to the reporter, whom defendant did not know.

The Judge: I think his letter means that the gentleman who made the report also faked it.

Defendant's counsel: The sub-editor might be responsible under certain circumstances.

After luncheon defendant's counsel, conferred with his client, and announced that he had no intention to object to the report, and as it had been brought to his notice that his letter was so regarded by other people, he unreservedly withdrew it and regretted any annoyance it might have caused plaintiff.

The record was withdrawn on terms which were not stated in court.

Mr. Irving's appearance last month in "Waterloo" at the Coliseum is of especial interest. It was his first London performance of Corporal Brewster, and he made just three days short of twenty years after his father's first London performance of the veteran. That was on December 17, 1844, at the Garrick, at a special "benefit" for the first time. The earlier Irving had done the play for the first time, when he was on tour at Bristol, and on May 4, 1895, it was promoted to a place in a triple bill at the Lyceum.

A correspondent writes to the "Pall Mall Gazette" as follows: Having seen a French translation of "Tipperary" in the "Observer," I thought you might like to publish an Indian version also:—

Burra dur hai Tipperary,
Bahoot lamba koochun,
Burra dur hai Tipperary,
Baki pati to wacha koochun.
Tum Rani Piccolilly,
Salween Leicester-square,
Burra dur hai Tipperary,
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Dated this 23rd January, 1915.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS, Secretary.

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Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1915. 79

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THURSDAY January 28th.

FRIDAY February 26th.

FRIDAY March 26th.

WEDNESDAY April 28th.

FRIDAY May 28th.

FRIDAY June 25th.

WEDNESDAY July 28th.

FRIDAY August 27th.

TUESDAY September 28th.

WEDNESDAY October 27th.

FRIDAY November 26th.

WEDNESDAY December 22nd.

By Order of the Committee,

EDWARD RAYMOND, Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1915. 80

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F. A. AGLEN, Inspector General of Customs, and Vice Chairman of the Bureau of National Loans, Inspectorate General of Customs, Peking, 18th January, 1915. 70

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Hongkong, January 21, 1915. 52

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—Sinking Fund Account £8,519,222

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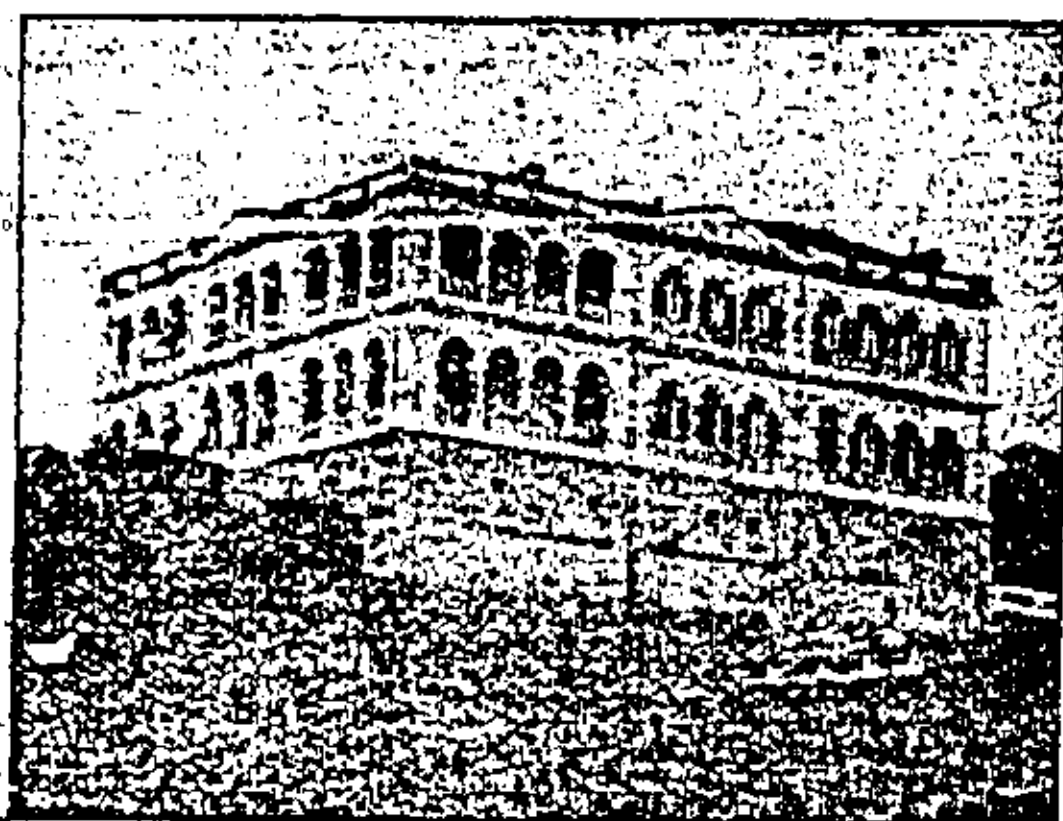
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M.A., the subject being "A Visit to
Cornwall".
Hongkong, Jan. 28, 1915. 74

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Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1915. 73

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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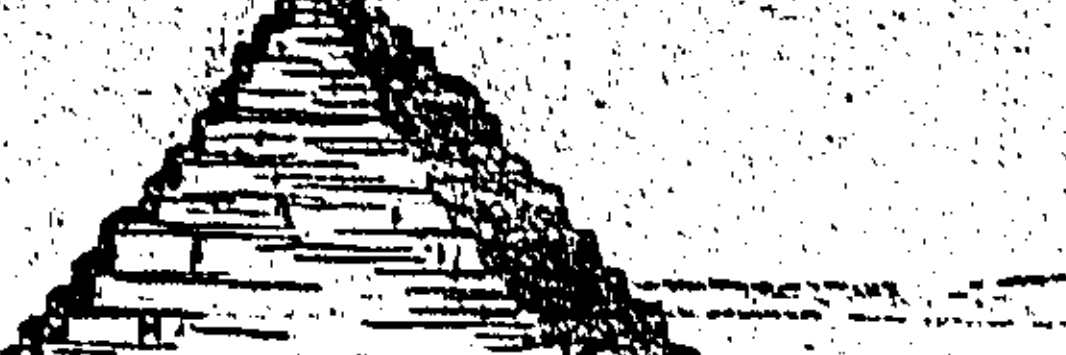
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WAR NEWS.

"DREADNOUGHTS" NOT DEAD.

U.S. Admiral on Submarines.

Admiral Fletcher, U. S. Navy, giving
evidence on Dec. 10th before the Naval
Affairs Committee appointed by Congress
in respect to the naval lessons in the
present war, declared that the submarine
had not fulfilled the expectations which
had been widely formed of their offensive
value. Nothing had happened in the war
to show that a battleship would not remain
the main weapon of all navies.

BATH-CHAIR DEFENDER.

Sir Herwald Wake, who has three sons
and nineteen other relatives with the
armies, speaking at a citizens' corps meeting
at Reading, Northamptonshire, said that if
the Germans landed in England he would
come out in a bath chair with a rock rifle,
and if a shell did not finish him off he
would kill one or two Germans.
Unfortunately he could not march, he
could only hobble, and he could not
run away, and his only regret was that he
was unable to fight for his country.

MARINE MINE.

New York, December 17.—The com-
mander of the Canadian liner, "Transylvania"
(14,000 tons), which reached here yester-
day, states that his vessel narrowly
escaped destruction three hours after
leaving Liverpool. The wash from the
stricken caused two mines to collide and
explode 50 feet from the vessel's bows,
a fragment of steel from one of the mines
struck away a piece of the "Transylvania"
railing, but otherwise no damage was
caused to the liner. The latter had on
board 200 passengers.

FEELING IN ITALY.

Home, Dec. 18.
Italian newspapers severely censure the
bombardment of Scarborough and Whitby,
as these were "open towns not situated
within the region of war operations."
They quote this latter phrase as one used
in an official German communication on
December 10th, which protested against
the Allies' action in dropping bombs on
Freiburg, in the extreme south-west of
Alsace-Lorraine. "The Message" re-
states: "The British and French aviators
repeatedly flew over Freiburg and dropped a
bomb on the military buildings there. The
German bombardment of British
towns was intended to destroy everything,
and kill unarmed citizens, thus proving
that hatred is burning in the German
people and the Kaiser against the Eng-
lish. A similar action, protected by a
fog, may be repeated, but the Germans
will never land on British soil."

BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO GERMANY.

We learn from Mr. T. Fisher Unwin
some interesting facts with regard to the
activities of the Government in publishing
good literary and historical material on the
war and its origins. A million copies of
the Penny Blue Book have already been
distributed, and of the original nine-penny
White Paper no less than ninety thousand
copies. The famous White Paper has now
been translated into Dutch, French,
German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish,
and Swedish, while translations in Danish,
Italian and Roumanian are in the course
of preparation.
Special translations have been issued of
the official books published by the Belgian
and Russian Governments as Command
Papers. Further, the correspondence lead-
ing up to the rupture with Turkey has now
been issued as a Manual of Emergency
Legislation comprising Acts of Parliament,
Proclamations, Orders, etc., in Council.

ARMY OF N.C.O.S.

German Writer on Our Troops.

London, Dec. 27th.—A special corre-
spondent of the "Frankfurter Zeitung,"
writing in the impression of the Allies' front,
praises the splendid endurance and war-
like appearance of the Indians, who are
well provided with winter clothing. He
states the comparatively small number
of prisoners in German hands is due
to the fact that they are forbidden to
surrender without the permission of
the officers. Hence when the Indians
are disabled the Indians fight till they
are killed. Everything, he continues,
is done by the British to avoid
exposing the Indians to the weather.

LAUNCH OF THE DERWENT.

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The Australian torpedo boat destroyer
Derwent was launched on December 19,
at the Cockatoo Island naval yard, Sydney.
She is a boat of 700 tons and 28 knots, and
her completion brings the total of these
vessels in Australia to four, others being
the Yarra and Parramatta (1910) and the
Warrego (1911). Two others are building
and three more are projected.
Although the launching was not marked
by much display, the occasion was espe-
cially interesting on account of the fact that
the Derwent is the first warship built com-
pletely in Australia. The Commonwealth
Ministry were represented by the Assistant
Minister for Defence (Mr. Jensen), and
he performed the task of honour of
christening the latest addition to the
Australian naval unit.When Mrs. Jensen swung against the
bow of the vessel a floral bouquet, in which
was concealed a bottle of wine, Mrs. Jensen
said: "I name you Derwent. May you be
with us in the hour of duty. May God
bless all who sail in you." The vessel then
sailed into the waters easily and steadily.
Cheers were given. The band played "Rule
Britannia" and the National Anthem was
sung. The State Ministry was represented
by Mr. A. D. Griffith, the Minister for
Works, and health, keeping the Premier
(Mr. Holman) away.In the course of a short address, Mr.
Jensen spoke appreciatively of the dock-
yard superintendent (Mr. King Salter) in
relation to the engineering and construc-
tion skill that had been demonstrated.
This launching, said Mr. Jensen, was but
the forerunner of the launching of many
ships to be built in Australia for the
Australian Navy. What had been done
proved conclusively that the impression
regarding the inability of Australians to do
heavy work as building warships must cease.
He was sure Australian engineers and
workmen would be able to compete in
building of ships with any portion of the
world.The guests, who included several mem-
bers of the Federal Parliament and the
French, Belgian, and Japanese Consuls,
were then afterwards entertained at
luncheon. As a memento of the occasion,
Mrs. Jensen was presented with a casket,
made of Australian timbers, containing a
presentation hammer and mallet, made by
an employee at the dockyard.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Enthusiastic Rush to Join the New Force.

"Enthusiastic better than the best we
had hoped for" was the description of
the rush to join the National Guard given
by Mr. Bell, Secretary of the new City
of London corps.A stream of City men had been flowing
into and out of the office all day long,
keeping the secretary and his assistant so
busy answering questions that they had
no time for meals. The potential
strength of the Guard must already run
into thousands.As already announced, the National
Guard (of which the Lord Mayor is Presi-
dent) will consist of men of the age of
40 and upwards, who, in order to be able
to defend their country in case of in-
vasion, are willing to learn the elements
of military service chief among which is
the use of the rifle. Each man pays an
entrance fee of £1 and finds his own
uniform and weapon.One of the questions most frequently
put yesterday was: How much will a man
have to spend?
The answer is about £10, but in certain
cases grants will be made to meet this.A good solid man is best for
Table D'Hon with Wine & Liqueurs
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charge. The principal items of expendi-

ture are:
Entrance fee £1 0 0
Uniform and boots £4 10 0
Rifle £4 10 0The rifle procurable for this sum is of
the latest service pattern. A bayonet is
not included, and will not be required.
NOTE: SMOKE-CURSOR.Uniforms will be of dark blue serge, of
any quality the "guardsman" can afford,
and will all be cut according to one pat-
tern supplied by the corps. A man can
employ his own tailor or one of the firms
named on a list to be issued by the execu-
tives. The cap will be of service pattern,
but dark blue instead of khaki, and brown
boots, with either brown leather or put-
ter, are imperative. As the serge suits
will bear no badge of any sort, they will
be available for civilian wear if desired.
The only immediate expense is the
£1 subscription, and it may be two or
three months before the rifle has to be
paid for.An excellent feature of the recruiting
preliminaries was the way in which all
classes were represented.
About 50 per cent. were middle-aged
clerks or warehousemen, twenty-five per
cent. City men with businesses of their
own, and the remainder men of the art-
isan or caretaker class.The banks did particularly well. One
man wanted 250 forms of application,
which he had been asked to obtain by
the staff of the bank to which he was at-
tached; another came to make various in-
quiries on behalf of fifty clerks and
cashiers. A third applicant stated that
he represented 500 men who were already
drilling at Hounslow, and dozens of
others were able to speak for groups of
from 20 to 50 would-be "guardsmen."

OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

Some well-known and wealthy Stock
Exchange men were among the first to
make personal applications for forms to
fill in, giving, with other details, their
telegraphic addresses and telephone num-
bers, both at home and at their places of
business.Several commissioners also put in an
early appearance and will probably be
among those to whom grants in aid of
equipment will be made, in view of the
other recruits to the Guard.
Drilling will begin with the smallest
possible delay—probably in a few days' time.In reply to a very large number of in-
quiries as to the military status of the
National Guard should Britain be in-
vaded, a member of the committee said:
"We have the very hearty, though in-
direct, approval of the Government, and
hope before long to be under its direct
control. But to many of us that seems
a matter of comparatively small impor-
tance. If the Germans get here we are
determined to fight, and it is no worse
to be shot as a franc-tireur than as a sol-
dier."—Daily News.

GERMAN NAVY.

Another Vessel Lost.

New York, Dec. 16.
In commercial circles here renewed
activity has followed the news of the des-
truction of Admiral Spoe's squadron.
Now that the German converted cruiser
Cormoran, with twenty-four guns and
355 men, has voluntarily interned herself
at Guam, an American Pacific Ocean
invasion operation, there is apparently only
one other German frigate still afloat—
the Karlsruhe, which undoubtedly is
hiding to prevent capture. The Cormoran
needed 1,600 tons of coal to reach the
nearest German port. She was offered 100
tons of coal and fresh water, and her
captain was given until to-day to decide
what his future course would be. This
action of Captain Mizuoka, the Governor
of Guam, which was taken before the Cor-
moran interned, was approved by Mr. For-
estay Daniel.Little is known of the Cormoran here
except that she is a converted cruiser of
5,000 tons displacement, and was acquired
by Germany from Russia before the war.
The Cormoran is the second German war-
ship to intern in American waters since the
outbreak of war. The other, the Geier,
was interned at Honolulu some time ago.
The officers and men will have to remain
interned until the close of the war,
unless the Allies consent to their release.
It is noteworthy circumstance that the
Germans of the United States offer no
protest against the decision of the Cor-
moran to abstain from further hostilities.
Early in the war they were protesting that
Germany would fight to "the last man,"
and not a single surrender on sea or on
land would take place. Recent events are
convincing them, as the "New York
Times" said yesterday, that it is suicidal
to continue a struggle which can only end
in the victory of the Allies.—Daily
Tel. Graph.COUGHING INTO
CONSUMPTION"Only a Cough" but you stop
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INTIMATIONS

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Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1915. 60

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC is hereby notified that
we have taken over the stock-in-trade,
business premises, lately occupied by
KARAS & Co., and will in future carry
on the Business of Merchants, Commission
Agents and Tobacconists under the Name
of THE HONGKONG CIGAR STORE.
Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1915. 61THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY LIMITED.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the TWENTY SEVENTH OR-
DINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held
at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson
& Company, Limited, on TUESDAY the
2nd February, 1915 at 11.30 A.M., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1914.The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,
22nd January to TUESDAY, 2nd February,
1915 (both days inclusive) during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.,General Agents for
The West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1915. 25THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY COMPANY
LIMITED.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
the TWENTY SEVENTH OR-
DINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in this COMPANY will be
held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine
Matheson & Company Limited on
TUESDAY the 2nd February, 1915 at
11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together with
the statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1914.The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,
22nd January to TUESDAY, 2nd February,
1915 (both days inclusive) during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
registered.By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1915. 24

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE LTD.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY
will be held at the Office of Messrs.
JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY
LTD. on TUESDAY the 2nd February,
1915 at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
together with the statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December 1914.The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,
22nd January to TUESDAY 2nd February,
1915 (both days inclusive) during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE LTD.A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

The General Managers.

Hongkong, January 13, 1915. 23

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA-
TION COMPANY LTD.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the Office of
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON &
COMPANY LTD. on TUESDAY, 2nd
February 1915 at 12.15 P.M. for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1914.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, 22nd January to TUESDAY, 2nd
February, 1915 (both days inclusive) during
which period no Transfer of Shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1915. 37

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held
at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mat-
theson, on TUESDAY, the 2nd February,
1915, 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of
receiving a Report of the Directors, to-
gether with a Statement of Accounts,
declaring a Dividend and electing Directors
and Auditors.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the 20th
January to the 9th February, 1915, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 19, 1915. 48

DON'T Forget after the Show, Supper,
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PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT),

FRIDAY,

the 29th January, 1915, at 3 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner
of Ice House Street.

TWO COMBINATION SAFES,
by
THE HERRING-HALL-MARVIN
SAFE CO.

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1915.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from CAPTAIN STEWART, to sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY,

the 30th January, 1915, at 11 a.m., at
"Regate" Austin Road, Kowloon.

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE,
therein contained:

Including Bedroom Suite, Gent's
Wardrobe, &c. (New).
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
On view days of sale.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1915.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT),

SATURDAY,

the 30th January, 1915, at 2.30 p.m., at
No. 1, Fair View, Nathan Road,
Kowloon.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
therein contained:

Including a number of Pots of Plants and
two large Pigeon Houses.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
On view from Friday afternoon.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1915.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TUESDAY,

the 2nd February, 1915, commencing at
2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms,
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner
of Ice House Street.

A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, &c.,
As follows:—

Two Drawing Room Suites, Bedroom
Furniture, Dining Room Furniture, Arm-
chairs and Sofas, Carpets and Rugs, Brass
and Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Toilet
Tables, Wardrobes, Washstands, &c.,
Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension
Dining Tables and Chairs, etc., etc.,
Dinner and Dessert Services, Crockery,
Glass and E.P. Ware, Cooking Stoves,
Cutlery, &c., &c.,

Also
Blackwood Cabinets, 1 line 4-fold Black-
wood Screen (Porcelain Panels), and
Blackwood Fire Screens, Stands, Toppies,
Settees, etc., Two Pianos, Marble Clocks,
Two Combination Safes, Remington Typewriters,
Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses
(new), One Gent's Bicycle,
&c., &c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1915.

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AUCTIONS.

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A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, &c.,
As follows:—

TEAKWOOD.—Drawing Room Suites,
Bedroom Suites, Dining Room Furniture,
Arm-chairs and Sofas, Carpets and Rugs,
Brass and Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Toilet
Tables, Wardrobes, Washstands, &c.,
Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension
Dining Tables and Chairs, etc., etc.,
Dinner and Dessert Services, Crockery,
Glass and E.P. Ware, Cooking Stoves,
Cutlery, &c., &c.,

Also
A quantity of Blackwood Furniture,
One Piano, Marble Clock, several Iron
Safes, &c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1915.

MR. BALFOUR AT BRISTOL.

THE WAR THE GREATEST TRAGEDY OF HISTORY.

Mr. Balfour addressed in Colston Hall,
Bristol, on December 12, a mass meeting
in support of the War Office appeal for
3,000 more men from city and district.

Mr. Balfour, who was cordially wel-
comed, said that when he last appeared
there he was speaking for a party in
which he believed and to which he was
still bound as strongly as ever. Now,
feeling that smaller questions must be
divulged into temporary oblivion, he had
come to Bristol to make an appeal in
the greatest of all national campaigns.
If fifteen or twenty years ago any man
had prophesied that in the lifetime of
those whom he was addressing so many
parts of the world would have been
simultaneously engaged in war he would
have been looked on as a madman. The
question would have been asked:—What
is civilization, what is morality, what is
Christianity coming to if such things can
be? They must not suppose that a
catastrophe of this magnitude, affecting
the whole civilized world, combatant and
non-combatant, had not got its causes
deeply rooted in some historic past. It
is not the accident of a day, it was not
due to a despatch having been answered
or not answered at a particular time, it
was not due to this casual circumstance
or that—it was due to causes far deeper,
far more profound, which had gradually
and by, as it were, an almost inevitable
destiny, led up to the terrible tragedy
which we now see before us.

A CRIME AGAINST CIVILIZATION.
It was quite true to say that we were
at war because treaty obligations and
national honour required us to support
and defend a nation whose neutrality was
violated with every circumstance of mili-
tary horror and abomination. Yet the
tragedy of Serbia and the tragedy of Bel-
gium were but episodes in a still greater
crime than these against civilization.
What was that crime? It was the crime
of a nation which was resolved not
merely to be powerful, to be prosperous,
but, which said:—"All these things are
valuable to me unless I can also dominate
and coerce the whole civilized world."
That was the root difficulty which we
had got to face: that was a circumstance
which could never be forgotten either
by those who took part in this war or
by those who would have something to
say in the settlement after the war was
concluded.

Unhappily for herself, unhappily for
mankind, Germany had apparently felt
that it was not enough to be great,
honoured, wealthy and secure, but that
no nation worthy of the name, having
domination within its grasp, should fail
by all means, fair or foul, to pursue

domination until it was secured. He
thought that was one of the greatest, if
not the greatest, tragedy in history.
TURNED THEIR HEADS.
It almost looked as if the war of 1870
and the unexampled outbreak of prosperity
which succeeded it had turned the heads
of a great nation and had polluted the
consciousness of a mighty people. They
spoke of their "kultur," of their great-
ness, in terms which he thought would
never be used by anybody with a sense
of humor. Germany was not content
to be on the continent of Europe "first
among equals," but rather than that she
should be "everything." She never
would be "everything" while there was
one British cartridge left.

There was a fantastic conception in
Germany of what was called the super-
man, a monster of aggressive egotism.
If he ever materialized he might well
be left to the police. (Laughter.) But
while the conception of the superman
was merely absurd, it was the German
idea of their superstate which had
brought civilization into the peril in
which we now stood. It was the super-
state with which we had to deal. It
was absolutely inconsistent with the true
notion of a great community of nations.

Was it not essential that we should
come to an understanding as to how in-
ternational relations were to be con-
ducted? Were the powerful always going to
trample on the weak? To him and to
all men of English speech, wherever
they lived, and to whatever nation they
belonged, it seemed that the interna-
tional future of our race lay in as far
as possible spreading wide the grip and
power of international law, in the raising
more and more of the dignity of treaties
between States, so that controversies
which arose between Governments (as
in every community they arise between
different individuals), should be decided
not by the sword, but by arbitration.
There was an ideal which the Germans
were trampling under foot in theory and
in practice.

The present struggle was more than
national. The whole international future
of the world, in his judgment, was hang-
ing in the balance. If victory should
go to those the law of whose being
seemed to be to grasp domination irre-
spective of scruples, then indeed we might
look forward with gloomy prognostications
to the international future of civiliza-
tion—with the very doubtful comfort of
having German "kultur" rammed down
our throats by German bayonets whether
we liked it or not.

AN APPEAL TO YOUTH.
He appealed to the young—in whom
he had always believed—not to under-
value the greatness of their destiny. It
depended upon every man in this great
national emergency sinking all minor
and petty considerations. He did not
for a moment doubt that the result of
that meeting, as of thousands of others
held in other parts of the country, would
be that Britons would show an example
to the world, a unique example, and
would prove that, without compulsion
and from a sense of duty they were ready
to rally to the standard and take their
full share in the great struggle now being
carried on upon the continent of Europe.

Mr. William Bruce, M.P., the next
speaker, declared they were fighting for
the sanctity of international law and
the right of small nations to work out
their own destiny by their own efforts.
He and other labour leaders had been
criticised for the part they had taken in
this recruiting campaign, but his reply
to critics was this:—"We have no right
to enjoy the privileges of the national
life under stress and crisis unless we
are prepared to accept our share of re-
sponsibility."

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"Losing Weight," a condition
of ill-health, shows your assimila-
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THE BUSH FOR KHAKI.

CLOTHING THE ARMIES OF THE ALLIES.

There is probably no more flourishing
industry in England at the present time
than the manufacture of khaki. The
British Army needs millions of yards of
uniforms and overcoats. The extent of
the demand of the War Office, says The
Times, can be realized from the revival
of a few elementary facts. Well over a
million men have already been clothed;
another million men have to be provided
for immediately. A soldier in the fighting
line requires a new outfit every
month. No man's kit can be said to be
complete without two uniforms, one for
service, the other for "walking-out."
Each overcoat takes three yards of cloth,
each uniform about the same amount.
It is a case of khaki by the million yards,
and always more millions in prospect.

The first business of the Army Cloth-
ing Department is to get the cloth.
When they have secured the raw mate-
rial, they give it out to be made up
in accordance with their requirements.
Ever since the war broke out the de-
partment has not been able to get the
cloth fast enough. It is coming in in
huge quantities from mills in Scotland
and Ireland as well as from those in the
chief home of the woollen industry, the
West Riding of Yorkshire. The great
factories in the Huddersfield district,
those giant three-and-windowed barns
flanked by enormous chimney-stacks that
stride down the length of the Colne
Valley, are working night and day. The
heavy woollen district is throbbing with
machinery responsive to the sweat of
an army of workers 21 hours a day, seven
days a week.

CLOTH FOR THE ALLIES.

New plans are being made. New
men are coming into the trade. New
hands are being taken on. Still there
are more orders than can be immediately
fulfilled. If a manufacturer gets on top
of a British Army contract, he finds a
French, Belgian or Russian order await-
ing him. The Belgian need is obvious:
there are no woollen mills working now
in that German-ruled land. The
French need is great, too, for the mun-
ufacturing district around Roubaix is in
the occupation of the enemy. The Rus-
sian mills, also, cannot possibly cope with
the unprecedented demand for clothing
for an army larger than Alexander ever
dreamed of. All come to their island
Allies for indispensable material. The
French for a light blue-grey cloth, the
Belgians for a dark blue-grey, and the
Russians for a drab green-grey. With
the tan-grey of our own khaki, some
mills have four different army cloths on
their machines at one time or another.
The Allied arsenal of warmth and com-
fort lies in our smoky North country.

As for the quality of the cloth that is
being turned out for the army, ask any
experienced man in the trade. "The
Government are doing the soldiers re-
markably well," is the answer one will
get. "They will not look at cheap or
common stuff." An example may be
given. At the beginning of the war
there was an immediate and insistent
demand for shirts. The regulation shirt-
ing, which works out at about 5s. a
garment, could not be got in sufficient
quantities. The authorities chose to
have cheaper rather than cheaper stuff.
There was in stock a great deal of good
quality grey flannel, of which tennis
trousers are usually made, and the au-
thorities promptly bought it. The average
cost of a garment worked out probably
at 6s.—not a bad wholesale price for a
good shirt!

MANUFACTURERS INDIGNANT.

The manufacturers naturally resent the
goose that is going round as to poor
materials and bad workmanship. The
rumours were defined with some precision
in the House of Commons the other day,
when a member spoke of cloth made with
a cotton warp and a shoddy weft. "No-
thing has been used but a woollen warp
and a woollen weft," is the indignant
manufacturers' reply. It is conceded
that in the first rush some mistakes may
have been made, and it is true that some
of the Territorials are receiving the
same quality of cloth as the Regulars.
Some Territorial overcoats, though
quite serviceable, are inferior to the
quilted army standard, and some of their puttees
contain a good deal of cotton. But there
is no scandal here; the standard is dif-
ferent. The Army Clothing Department
does not supply the Territorial Associa-
tions with cloth. They have to find
their own, and the regular channels are
practically closed to them. They have
to get what cloth they can where they
can—and they have done remarkably
well to cloth their recruits as success-
fully as they have done; considering the
difficulties. But, to return to the Regu-
lars, it is manifestly absurd to blame
the manufacturers for trousers in tatters
in the trenches. Many of our men at
the front have had to live in their clothes
for days on end. After such an experi-
ence, no cloth in the world would be
fit for anything but the scrap-heap.

The price of khaki has risen consider-
ably since the outbreak of war. It was
about 6s. 11d. a yard for uniforms in
July; it is now about 4s. 9d. The price
for overcoatings, a warmer and thicker
material, has increased from a normal
of about 5s. 6d. a yard to about 6s. 9d.
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turers and the merchant are making larger
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many were to declare a submarine war
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These are the opening words of the
interview granted by Grand Admiral von
Tirpitz, German Secretary of State for
the Navy, to Mr. Carl von Wiegand,
the Berlin correspondent of the United
Press of America, at the General Head-
quarters of the German Army.

Asked by the interviewer if he was
considering such measures, Admiral von
Tirpitz replied:—"Why not? England
wishes to starve us; we might play the
same game and encircle England, tor-
pedoing every British ship, every ship
belonging to the Allies, that approached
any British or Scottish port, and thereby
cut off the greater part of England's food
supply."

GERMAN'S SUBMARINES.

In reply to a further question as to
whether Germany had enough subma-
rines to carry out what amounts to a
partial blockade of England by subma-
rines, Admiral von Tirpitz said that Ger-
many had more submarines of the largest
type than England.

With regard to the question of Japan,
von Tirpitz said that this was a problem
which the Americans would have to
tackle. "One thing I can assure you:
Germany will never abandon the white
race. Japan will make a vessel of China
and militarize China's millions. Then
your country (America) will have to
be on its guard. Admiral Togo once said
to a European, 'The next war will be
a universal European war, and then will
come the great struggle between my race
and yours.'"

The interviewer asked the admiral how
long the war would last.
"That depends on England. England
is said to want war to the knife. If she
insists on this she can have it, but there
are some who hope that England will
be sensible and will hear the voice of
reason." And the admiral admitted that
he was one of those.

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MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

Opening night of "The Grotesques".

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Action of Furniture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda

SATURDAY, January 30:
11.30 a.m.—Distribution of prizes at the Diocesan School.
3 p.m.—Garden Fete in the grounds of the H.K. University.

TUESDAY, February 2:
11.30 a.m.—West Point Co. Meeting.
11.45 a.m.—H.K. Central Estate Meeting.
Noon.—H.K. Land Invest. and Agency Co's. Meeting.
2.30 p.m.—Action of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SUNDAY, February 7:
Field Day for Volunteers and Reserves.

TUESDAY, February 9:
Noon.—H.K. C. & M. Steamboat Co's. Meeting.

SUNDAY, February 14:
Chinese New Year Day.
Entries close for the Races.
2 p.m.—Reserves v. Scouts on H.K. Cricket Club ground.

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carrying sailers and tank steamers to the order of London oilmen. A reference to the history of Pitholes may serve to emphasise the surprising tale of marvellous development and as complete abandonment which overlook many a less-known spot. But who now even remembers Pitholes, which once boasted a string of palatial hotels to accommodate the rush of strangers, speculators, and adventurers of all kinds who sought its hospitality? Its streets adorned with imposing buildings, its banks, its churches, its schools, and its music-halls, saloons, gambling-hells, and dens of vice and infamy have all gone as completely as if they obeyed the genius of Aladdin's lamp. From a barren state, it rose within one year to a city having a population of, perhaps, 30,000 inhabitants; its post-office boasted a volume of business surpassed by only two others in the State. Five brief years saw a decline to less than a score of ruined residents, and a few years later not a human being lived on the spot, and nothing could indicate to a stranger where the city had once stood. As to the present war supply, our country, France, and Russia, and, indeed, every country with which we are allied in this war, are in an infinitely better position than Germany in relation to the world's chief oil-fuel and petroleum-exporting centres. This, of course, was written before Russia had advanced so far into Galicia, threatening the rupture of transport connection between Germany and the Galician fields, a main source for Central Europe. Remarkable as has been the development of the oil industry of the past half century it may be said that the industry is even yet but in its infancy and that its future will be gigantic.

MARRIAGE.

LESLIE HOLLAND.—On January 21, 1915, WILLIAM HORTON LESLIE, of BRATTON FLORENCE ROWLAND, of Shanghai.

DEATH.

NEWELL.—On December 26, at Bourne mouth, Col. W. J. NEWELL, of the 7th Battalion King's Shropshire Regiment, eldest son of the late Captain Newell (P. & O. S. N. Co.) and Mrs. Newell, of the same, and a brother of Mrs. H. C. Marshall, Shanghai.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 23, 1915.

THE BEGINNING OF THE OIL INDUSTRY.

Is the course of an interesting article on the oil industry a writer in "Engineering" to hand (Dec. 1st) makes some important observations. The commanding positions, we learn, that the United States now occupy, when huge fleets are required to carry its oil product in bulk on both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, makes it difficult to realise that America was not always supreme in oil. The American people are apt to overstate their case, and to claim that it is to some peculiar merit in the American character that the world owes the birth and development of this industry in every feature from inception to consummation. All will admit the effect of the revolutionary impulse given to oil production by the successful drilling of the first oil-well at Titusville, and will pay ample tribute to the engineering skill and resources which have ever characterised the progressive movement. We recognise, too, the financial enterprise that has created a trade of its own, opened the markets of the world for itself, and developed its own systems. But a historian of the petroleum industry cannot be carried away by the screaming of the American eagle, and in strict justice asks us to remember that Galicia was the scene of commercial beginning of the petroleum world; that Dr. Young was at work in Scotland on paraffin products before oil was procured in commercial quantities at Oil Creek; that oil-carrying vessels were owned by Russians on the Caspian Sea, pioneers of the large tank-ships built later on the Tyne for the American trade. It may well be, continues Engineering, that, coming later in the field, all the more credit is due to the American character in overtaking and passing other nations, who had had the opportunity of working oil in commercial quantities, but such a construction of the real facts does not satisfy that demand for applause for which the American soul craves. "It wants to be acknowledged supreme from the start, and that other competing nations have followed, long intercallo, in the wake. The two factors that have contributed to the foremost position that America now undoubtedly holds are the successful achievements in rock-boring for oil-wells, and the business aptitude displayed by Mr. Rockefeller and his colleagues. If these two factors are viewed aright, we find that the pioneering honours of oil production and commerce must go to Russia, that British oilmen led the way in oil-refining experiments, that an ocean-borne business was first made possible by those few Tyne-side firms which converted and built oil-

GODOWN CO'S DIVIDEND.

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., will recommend at the annual meeting of shareholders the following distribution of profits:

To pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on capital of £210,000.00
To write off wharves, fumehouses, lighters, etc. 122,170.39
To carry forward 101,107.41
£433,277.80

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lady May has kindly consented to present the prizes at Bellisle Public School on the 5th pr.

Before Mr. Hazland this morning a Chinese, employed at the King Edward Hotel, was fined \$2.40 for selling opium in the Chinese quarters of the hotel.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending Jan. 16 amounted to 60,770.29 tons and sales during the period to 44,990.36 tons.

A picture of the wrecked "Emidon" will be seen on the back page of this issue. This picture will also be reproduced on our "Overland China Mail" cover tomorrow.

The P. and O. are building a steamer of 1,000 tons exclusively for the local trade of the Malay Archipelago and to act as a feeder to the Company's main line. She will be known as the Mata Hari (Eye of Day) and will be in commission early this year.

The Green-Egyptian Tobacco Store is forwarding to the front to-day a gift case containing three hundred tins of Mocha coffee. Each tin is labelled, "A present to the Allies. Every success is the heartiest wish of the Green-Egyptian Tobacco Store, Hongkong."

First Class Master Gunner R. Muir, First Class Master Gunner E. H. Brown, and Quartermaster H. Gillman, all of the Royal Garrison Artillery, have been promoted 2nd Lieutenants in the regiment. They were stationed at Home on promotion, but were all in Hongkong three years ago.

Yesterday afternoon the Chinaman who is wanted at Canton in connection with a murder in the Pok Lo district was remanded to the jail for fifteen days to await the decision of H. E. the Governor. The Crown Solicitor, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, has already made an application for extradition.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. G. Murray Bain returned from the North yesterday by the S.S. "Katori Maru."

Mr. H. A. Nisbet, Registrar of the Supreme Court, returned from Home leave yesterday.

C. Lionel A. G. Marable, who lately commanded the 2nd Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry at Singapore, has been promoted temporarily to the rank of Brigadier-General.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel A. Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.
Pte. A. Young joined the Corps 29th inst. and has been posted to Signalling Section.

TRANSFERS.
Pte. H. W. Hunsley from Right Section M.G. Co. to Signalling Section dated 28th January, 1915.

PROMOTIONS.
Parades for Friday, 29th inst., nil.
PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY.
Mondays (except 22nd February).—N.C.O.s drill on the Cricket Ground.
Tuesdays and Thursdays (except 23rd February).—Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M.G. Co. 10 pdr. drill at Headquarters.

Remainder, Tuesday, 2nd.—Company Drill and Rifle Exercises under Company Commanders.
Thursday, 4th.—Skirmishing under Company Commanders.
Tuesday, 9th.—Dayonet Fighting under Company Commanders.

Thursday, 11th.—Battalion Drill under Commanding Officer.
Tuesday, 16th.—Route March under Commanding Officer.
Thursday, 18th.—Musketry Exercises and Aiming Drill under Co. Commanders.

Thursday, 25th.—Dayonet Fighting under Company Commanders.
DETAILS.
Orderly Officer, Lieut. C. Smith.
Orderly Sergeant, Sergt. Hegarty.
To furnish Guard to-night, Scouts Company; to-morrow, Scouts Company.

GROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to group. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when children's shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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OPIMUM COMPANY'S

AFFAIRS.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST DIRECTORS.

Fraud and Misappropriation Charged.

In a petition by a shareholder for the winding up of a wealthy Chinese firm which came before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rogers, K.C., in the Supreme Court this morning, allegations of fraud and misappropriation of the company's funds are made against two of the directors. The hearing of the matter was adjourned on a technical point concerning the advertising of the notice to shareholders of the petition, and it was mentioned in the course of these preliminaries that the hearing will probably occupy three full weeks, there being many witnesses and an immense amount of documentary evidence. The petition was filed by Sun Fai Shan, a merchant residing in China and a share holder in the company, and was supported by a number of shareholders. The respondent was the Yue Hing Co., Ltd., and notice of opposition was also filed by Lee Hsyan, Ma Chee Lung and a number of shareholders who claimed to represent nearly half the total share capital of the company.

The petition set out that the Yue Hing Company, Ltd., were incorporated under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance of 1911 on April 28, 1912, with registered capital of \$500,000 divided into 50,000 shares of \$100. The amount of capital paid up or credited as paid up in respect of the first call was \$100,000, and as far as the petitioner was aware another sum of \$43,000 had since been paid up. The objects for which the company was established were to carry on the business of opium merchants and to act as general agents for the sale of opium and other goods and for the objects set forth in the memorandum of association.

The petitioner contended that it is just and equitable that the company should be wound up because of certain circumstances connected with the management of the company which require strict and immediate investigation.

The petitioner alleged that there is an overwhelming influence exercised by Lee Hsyan, the permanent managing director, whose conduct has created a deadlock in the conduct of the company's affairs. False entries are alleged by the petitioner to have been made in the company's minute books of business purporting to have been passed at two general meetings of shareholders which he states were in fact never held. He also alleged that Lee Hsyan has made or concurred in the making of certain false entries in the company's books relating to alleged sales of opium.

The petitioner further alleged that Lee Hsyan and Ma Chee Lung (another director) have wrongfully made profits for themselves out of the company's transactions which they are liable to refund to the company; and that Lee Hsyan wrongfully made or concurred in the making of false entries with the object of covering up his misappropriation of the company's funds. Other allegations set out in the petition are that Lee Hsyan has refused to call a general meeting of the company as required by the Companies Ordinance; no statutory report has been forwarded to the members; the company's offices in 95 Jersey Street were closed on June 13, and business since moved to 12 Connaught Road West, at which address the Yue Hing Co., Ltd. and Po Yuen firm (in both of which Ma Chee Lung is a partner) carry on business, and that no notice of this change has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, as required by the Companies Ordinance; no annual list of members has been forwarded to the Registrar of Companies; inspection of the books has been refused by Lee Hsyan to two of his co-directors; since December 15 Lee Hsyan has persistently refused to render information as to the company's affairs to these two co-directors.

Petitioner, who claims to be the original allottee and holder of forty shares, says that the company is possessed of assets and that in the event of the company being wound up he will be largely augmented and will provide a substantial return to the shareholders after discharge of the company's liabilities.

Mr. Duncan McNeill (Shanghai) and Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the petitioner on the instructions of Mr. Crew (Messrs. Hastings and Hastings) and Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Eldon Potter (Gladstone) for the respondent company. Mr. Potter also represented Lee Hsyan and Ma Chee Lung.

Mr. Alabaster took a preliminary objection to the hearing of the case to-day on the ground that notice of the petition had not been properly advertised.

Mr. McNeill opposed the objection and mentioned that advertisements were inserted in certain papers previous to the case coming before Mr. Justice Gompertz in June last year.

His Lordship, after considering evidence quoted by both sides, said that he was satisfied by the cases cited by Mr. Alabaster. If he could have arrived at the conclusion that the matter was merely adjourned from June the objection would not have held good, but the judge found the date of hearing and the parties did not come into court. If he were satisfied that all the shareholders were represented no question could arise, but as they were not it might be held hereafter, if he proceeded with the hearing, that these proceedings were bad.

Mr. Potter mentioned that he had an objection to make on behalf of certain directors against whom allegations were made by the petitioner, and if his Lordship decided that the proceedings were bad, the petition might fall in the time till the expiration of the adjournment. If his objection were upheld the hearing would probably last only one week instead of three.

His Lordship decided to hear Mr. Potter's objection this afternoon, and adjourned the hearing of the petition till Tuesday next. He directed that the notice of the petition be advertised in two issues of two Chinese newspapers and said he would ask the Government to issue a special Gazette to-day publishing a similar notice.

This afternoon Mr. Potter proceeded with his preliminary objection, which was to the effect that the court could not investigate allegations of misconduct.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.
In buying a cough medicine for children, bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for colds, croup and whooping cough, and that it contains no harmful drugs. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., presiding. There were also present:

H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General F. H. KILLY, C.B.

Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. CLARE SEYMOUR.

Attorney General, Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP.

Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE.

Director of Public Works, Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G.

Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Mr. S. B. CLARE ROSS.

Capt. Supdt. of Police, Hon. Mr. C. McF. MESSIAS.

Hon. Mr. Wai Yee, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. LAO CHU PAU.

Mr. M. J. BRENN, Clerk of Councils.

ZEALAND HALL TRUSTEES.

Hon. Mr. Shillim moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Trustees of Inland Lot No. 31 and the buildings thereon known as Zealand Hall.

The objects and reasons as set out in the Bill and Zealand Hall is the property of the Zealand Lodge of Freemasons No. 525 E.C. of Hongkong. The property is vested in five members of the Lodge as trustees for the Lodge. Particular trustees from time to time leave the Colony or die whereby considerable expense is entailed owing to the fresh documents which it is necessary to make out. Cases of absence result in inconvenience and delay owing to the difficulty of communicating with the absent trustees and, sometimes, of ascertaining their whereabouts. The Lodge is desirous of avoiding these disadvantages and of having the trustees incorporated so that they may not in future be subject to them. Application for incorporation has been made to the Government and the present Bill gives effect to the desire of the Lodge.

STAMP LAWS.
The Attorney-General moved the second reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901."

He said that the principal object of the Bill is to give the Governor-in-Council power to authorize the stamping of documents which were of stamped at the time of execution and could not be stamped under the existing law. It is not intended that this power shall be used in any case where there is intention to evade the revenue or there is any practical possibility of substituting a new document. The Bill also provides that a somewhat obsolete consent of the Attorney-General to prosecutions under the Ordinance shall be abrogated. It dates back many years and does not appear to have any practical basis of necessity.

The Bill was read a second time, taken through the committee stage, read a third time and passed.

DEPUTY OFFICIAL RECEIVERS.
The Attorney-General moved the second reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to remove doubts as to the power of the Governor to appoint Deputy Official Receivers and as to the validity of the acts of persons appointed to be Deputy Official Receivers or to act as Deputy Official Receivers or a tacked to the office of the Official Receivers before the commencement of this Ordinance."

The Attorney-General explained the object of the Bill, which was read a second time, taken through committee and passed.

MILITARY STORES EXPORTATION.
The Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Military Stores Exportation Ordinance, 1882 and 1914 was read for the second and third times, taken through committee and agreed to.

The Attorney-General, moving the second reading, explained that one object of the Bill is to define the word "export." It was defined in a somewhat wide manner, because it appeared to be necessary to take somewhat wide powers in order to deal with exceptional cases, but the last thing the Government would wish to do would be to interfere with any normal or innocent trade. The second clause provides an express penalty for infringement of the proclamations prohibiting exports of military stores.

ALIEN ENEMIES' BUSINESSSES.
The Bill to amend the Alien Enemies (winding up) Ordinance, 1914, was read a second time, the Attorney-General in moving it explaining that it was not intended to take the measure further to-day. He explained the objects and reasons of the Bill, which were fully dealt with when the measure was before the Council last week.

against a director of a company, upon a winding up petition. Such allegations must be the subject of an entirely different procedure.

Mr. McNeill objected that if his Lordship heard Mr. Potter's objection before the petitioner's case opened it would be giving the respondents an undue advantage, inasmuch as their defence would be disclosed prior to the petitioner's case.

Mr. Potter stated that his Lordship would be asked by the petitioner to say that Lee Hsyan sold to himself 100 chests of the company's opium and was thereby guilty of a breach of trust. Such an allegation could not form a ground of a winding up petition.

Mr. McNeill replied that the allegation was not put forward as a ground, but as a circumstance, which should be taken into consideration by the court in ordering the company to be wound up.

Mr. Potter replied that if that was the case he demanded as a right to have the allegations deleted from the petition.

His Lordship decided to hear the authorities with which Mr. Potter was prepared upon the question of the admissibility of allegations of misconduct in a winding up petition.

After Mr. Potter had cited a number of authorities the hearing was adjourned till to-morrow.

TRAINING TIMES.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

Weather.—Mild and muggy, very misty.

Courses used.—Inside (sand track) only.

Condition of ground.—Heavy going after heavy dew over-night.

Meftas (boys), 1, 2, 3, 1.12.3, 1.40; last 1, 32.3.

Enfield (1) and Mr. Landale's derby Carstairs (2) (boys), 1, 35, 1.08.3, 1.40; last 1, 31.3; and 1.41; last 1, 32.3.

Mr. Landale's bay derby (boys), 1, 36.2, —, 1.42.

Mr. Landale's bay and chestnut derbies (boys), 1, 34.1, 1.08.2, 1.40.1; last 1, 31.4.

Messrs. Keith and Cunningham's derby Corporation (boys), 1, 35.1, 1.10, 1.44.2; last 1, 34.2.

Mr. Landale's bay sub. (1) and dunt "n.e." (2) (boys), 1, 37, 1.12.2, 1.44; last 1, 31.3; and 1.45.1; last 1, 32.4.

Mr. Landale's chest. "n.e." The Thief (1) and roan "n.e." Ploughboy (2) (boys), 1, 34.3, 1.07.2, 1.41; last 1, 33.3; and 1.42.2; last 1, 35.

Mr. John Johnston's sub. (boys), 1, 38.2, 1.13.4, 1.40.2; last 1, 34.2.

Mr. Kadoorie's sub. Baroda Chief (boy), 1 mile, 1.10; last 1, 32.4.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, Dec. 24.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The positions of Heart of Mid-Lothian and Celtic at the top of the Scottish League list remain unaltered. Both clubs were again winners, the Celts for the tenth Saturday in succession and the Hearts for the eighth. There were no surprises in the day's results, and the most important victory was that of Rangers over Motherwell.

Hearts, unless its playing members who have joined the New Army are called out of Edinburgh before the end of the season, seem to be certain winners of the Flag.

SCOTTISH CUP TIES ABANDONED.

By a narrow majority—the voting was 13 to 14—the Council of the Scottish Football Association decided to withdraw international matches and Cup ties from this year's programme. In abandoning the Cup competition, the Scottish Association has taken a step in advance of the recent conference of the four national associations, which recommended "that, except as regards the international matches, it is not right that football should be stopped." In the course of the discussion it was stated that when the depopulation of the Scottish Association attended at the War Office, Mr. Tennant explained, not having in view the opinions of Lord Kitchener on the subject, the clubs might consider themselves very fortunate in being allowed to continue even the League fixtures, and that these were being continued because the War Office was satisfied, from inquiries which had been made, that the men employed at shipyard and armament works required a certain amount of weekly recreation in the form of witnessing a football match. The action of the Association in abandoning the Cup ties does not wipe out professional football in Scotland; the League matches, which will go on in presence of diminished crowds, are still considerable, as showing the pressure of public opinion.

THE RUGBY AND THE SERVICES.

In a sense this may be regarded as one of the most successful Rugby football seasons on record, although it has been impossible to carry on the game. The call of the country has discovered that the pastime is one of the finest of moral training. No official action was necessary; the individual players took the initiative; the game was automatically closed. The matter of play or no play, said the President of the Union at the outbreak of the war, might be left to the clubs; the clubs left it to their men; and the men emphatically said "no play." Apart from the schools, and some of the schools find their first teams sadly depleted—the Territorials and New Army men provide our only Rugby events in the North. As an example of the way in which the khaki has absorbed our teams, it may be said that the whole programme for Saturday was as follows:—Lothians and Border Horse met the 9th Royal Scots Highlanders, and won; the 15th Highland Light Infantry defeated Fettes College; the 5th Royal Scots defeated a second team of the Lothians and Border Horse; the 4th Royal Scots beat the Royal Scots Reserves; and Stewart's College beat A Company of the 4th Royal Scots. These, it will be noted, are all either school or khaki teams.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.

Queen's Park, 0; Hearts, 4.

Hibernians, 3; St. Mirren, 2.

Ruth Bovers, 1; Third Lanark, 1.

Airdrieonians, 0; Celtic, 1.

Rangers, 5; Motherwell, 0.

Falkirk, 2; Greenock Morton, 0.

Aberdeen, 3; Kilmarnock, 0.

Hamilton Academicals, 2; Dundee, 0.

Clyde, 1; Partick Thistle, 3.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

THE GERMANS LOSE TWO BATTALIONS.

THE BRITISH VICTORY AT LA BASSEE.

FIGHTING IN EAST KANTARA.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

A BRIGADE OF GERMANS AT YPRES.

The Enemy Lose Two Battalions.

London, Jan. 27, 4.5 p.m.

A Paris *communiqué* states: Artillery fighting took place at Neuport and Ypres.

Statements of prisoners show that it was a brigade and not a battalion that attacked us to the east of Ypres.

The enemy lost a battalion and a half.

The statement that the Belgians wrecked an aeroplane is confirmed.

At Givenchy and Chimby the Germans suffered a severe reverse yesterday.

On the La Bassee road, at Bethune, the dead bodies of six German officers and four hundred men were picked up, making the total losses there at least two battalions.

VIOLENT ATTACKS NEAR PERTHES.

There have been artillery duels from Lens to Soissons.

We maintained our positions in the trenches captured near Craonne, and repulsed four violent attacks upon Hill 200 near Perthes.

A German attack at Saint Hubert was repulsed at the point of the bayonet.

We destroyed at Saint Hubert new pontoons which the Germans had built over the Meuse.

Elsewhere quiet prevails.

THE BRITISH DRIVE BACK THE ENEMY.

London, Jan. 26, 5.10 p.m.

To day's Paris *communiqué* says:—

The Belgians progressed in the Perwez district.

The Germans attacked at dawn with a battalion of troops to the eastward of Ypres. The attack was stopped dead, and 300 Germans killed, including the commander leading the Company, were found on the field. The Companies' second line was ordered to support the attack under a most accurate fire. Our artillery was unable to emerge from their shelters.

The enemy made five attacks on the British lines at Givenchy and Chimby. The Germans, after slight progress, were driven back, leaving many killed, and also 60 prisoners, including two officers. This attack was accompanied by attempts at a diversion at several points on our front.

Between the Bethune-La Bassee road and the Moullette the enemy attempted to leave their trenches. They were instantly stopped by our infantry and artillery fire.

There was an artillery duel on the rest of the front between the Lys and the Oise, while west of Craonne the enemy made two successive attacks of a most violent character. The first was repulsed, and the second penetrated our trenches, but we regained almost the whole of the lost ground by a vigorous counter-attack. The struggle continues around the section of trenches occupied by the Germans. The enemy's artillery showed less activity than in the past few days. Our batteries kept up an effective fire on the German positions.

One fire in the St. Hubert district prevented an attack.

The enemy made active use of their trench-mortars against our positions at Hartmanns Weller, where there were fresh engagements. They bombarded Thann, Lambach, and Sentein.

300 GERMANS KILLED AT LA BASSEE.

London, Jan. 26, 10.25 p.m.

The Official Press Bureau announces that in the neighbourhood of La Bassee the enemy delivered several violent attacks against our First Division, but were repulsed with severe losses. We found at one place on the La Bassee road 300 Germans killed and we took 55 prisoners, including two officers.

An attack on the French lines opposite Ypres was also repulsed with great loss.

FRESH ATTACKS REPULSED.

London, Jan. 27, 1.45 a.m.

The Paris evening *communiqué* says:—

The British last night repulsed fresh attacks on Givenchy, near La Bassee, and by a counter-attack re-occupied their positions of the previous evening.

The fighting was very hot on the Bethune-La Bassee road, where the Germans left 325 dead.

The enemy yesterday evening, in consequence of the violent attack already mentioned, penetrated our trenches between Hourbise and the Foulon Wood, west of Craonne, but were thrown into confusion by aerial bombs.

We counter-attacked, and, according to the latest reports, a portion of the lost ground, namely, the Foulon Wood, was recovered.

Our troops in Argonne delivered two attacks in the direction of St. Hubert and Fontaine Madame, and succeeded in regaining a footing in trenches recently lost, and in wrecking several German saps. A German counter-attack was repulsed.

The night of the 25th and the morning of the 26th were quiet in Alsace and in the Vosges.

There is nothing important to report elsewhere.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE CALL OF THE MOTHERLAND.

THE EMPIRE'S GREAT RESPONSE.

London, Jan. 27, 11 p.m.

The Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech in London, referred to the "wonderful work of the Empire during the war, and acknowledged with deep gratitude what we owe to every corner of the Empire for the unexampled response to the needs of the Motherland, saying there had been no sacrifice of men, money, or material which seemed too great. He paid a heartfelt tribute to the loyalty and devotion of the Dominions, specially remarking that none had rendered greater services than the Union of South Africa.

Mr. Harcourt eulogised the most gallant services and munificent gifts of India and Ceylon, while the Mother Country had also reaped a great reward from the Crown Colonies and great tropical territories, where we had respected the sentiments and customs of the inhabitants. Of these, the West Coast of Africa, as well as the East Coast, had contributed splendid men and contributions, as had all the British possessions in the uttermost parts of the earth.

FIGHTING AT EAST KANTARA.

London, Jan. 27, 2.40 p.m.

A telegram from Cairo states that in the fighting that took place yesterday in East Kantara the British losses were one officer and four men slightly wounded.

The enemy's losses were apparently heavier.

GERMANY'S FOOD SUPPLIES RUNNING SHORT.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES ALL STOCKS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR.

London, Jan. 26.

A German official statement says the Federal Council has decided to seize all stocks of wheat and flour on February 2nd. All business transactions in flour are forbidden from to-day. The Municipalities are instructed to regulate the supply of meat, etc., and the Government will distribute wheat and corn in proportion to the number of inhabitants.

THE RUSSIANS DRIVE THE GERMANS AT BAYONET POINT.

London, Jan. 27, 12.00 p.m.

A Petrograd *communiqué* says:—

In the Pskan region of East Prussia we assumed the offensive and drove the enemy at the point of the bayonet towards the Malvishchen—Ladenden line.

The Germans again attempted to take the offensive on the left bank of the Vistula in the neighbourhood of the villages of Borzhom and Gumina. Though their attacks were particularly fierce, they were repulsed with heavy losses.

German batteries were silenced to the north-east of Skerniewice.

The enemy's activity in Galicia is increasing. On the Iasiuk-Ujuk—Nijevetsek—Maidanka front there were both artillery fire and an offensive movement, but the enemy was everywhere repulsed. We captured three officers and 300 men.

There is no change in Bukhovina.

FRANCE HONOURS THE RUSSIAN GENERALISSIMO.

A Havre telegram states that General Pau will shortly leave for Petrograd to deliver the Military Medal to the Grand Duke Nicholas.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN DESTROYED.

London, January, 27.

The Press Bureau announces that the Russians have destroyed a Zeppelin at Libau. The airship appeared yesterday and dropped nine bombs on an undefended part of the town. The torpedoes fired and the Zeppelin fell into the sea. Small craft destroyed the airship and captured the crew.

THE BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY.

FURTHER DETAILS.

London, Jan. 26, 11.20 p.m.

The Official Press Bureau states that all the British cruisers and destroyers engaged in the recent Naval action have returned safely to port.

H.M.S. *Lion* had some of her forward compartments flooded in consequence of being hit by a shell below the waterline. She was towed by H.M.S. *Indomitable*.

The destroyer *Meteor* was also disabled and was towed by the *Liberty*. Both ships were strongly escorted by destroyers.

The repairs can be speedily effected.

The total casualties were:—

H.M.S. *Lion*, 17 wounded.

H.M.S. *Tiger*, an officer and 9 men killed and 3 officers and 8 men wounded.

H.M.S. *Meteor*, 4 killed and 1 wounded.

When Admiral Sir David Beatty's report is received a fuller account of the action will be given.

SURVIVORS FROM THE "BLUCHER" LANDED.

London, Jan. 26.

About 200 survivors from the German armoured cruiser *Blucher* have been landed to-day at South Queensferry from a warship. They were sent by train to Edinburgh Castle. Many of the members of the ship's company were youthful. They were clothing lent by our blue-jackets.

Two British destroyers arrived at Leith with fifty survivors from the *Blucher*. Splendid preparations were made to receive the German wounded.

GERMAN CRUISER TORPEDOED.

London, Jan. 26.

It is reported from Malmoe (Sweden) that a submarine torpedoed the German cruiser *Gazelle* off the island of Rugen. The cruiser managed to reach Sassnitz (a small port on the East Coast of Rugen Island, which belongs to Prussia). The extent of the damage done to her is unknown.

WORLD'S WHEAT CROP.

Total Tribe Below Last Year.

Messrs. H. N. Bathgate and Co. have issued their mid-season estimates of the world's wheat crops. The total result is more favourable than might be supposed, and especially in so far as supplies for the Allies are concerned. In the United States of America the wheat has been growing out well over since harvest, and Messrs. Bathgate and Co. would not be surprised to learn that at the end of the season America will find that it had even a little more wheat than it anticipated. The last Indian crop was not too good, but the high prices are stimulating exports. India has even the largest wheat acreage on record, and if all continues to go well with the growing crop we may expect an abundant harvest in March and April, probably permitting India to export more than double her usual quantity. For Russia, all reports since the crop was harvested have spoken of it in higher terms than could have been expected, both in regard to quantity and quality. Prices in Russia generally are a great deal below those ruling for American grain, and there is a possibility of a large quantity being set aside during the current season.

According to official returns the total for the United Kingdom might have been increased by 200,000 qrs. Messrs. Bathgate and Co. have left it at 7,500,000 qrs., although the final official estimate verges towards 8,000,000 qrs.—a really magnificent crop for the British Isles.

Australia, including New Zealand, will not give more than 6,000,000 qrs., against the original and very conservative estimate of 12,000,000 qrs. For Argentina the official estimate is 25,000,000 qrs., and, taking the probable crop of Uruguay at 1,100,000 qrs. and that of Chile at the average quantity of 2,000,000 qrs. the total for South America is 27,000,000 qrs.

The world's crop is not very much less than that of last year, the deficiency being less than 1,750 of the total for 1913 (assuming the approximate correctness of River Plate estimates). Next season is the one in which the pinch may be felt, and all exporting countries will be justified in increasing the area sown to wheat. It is said that Western Canada will increase her acreage as much as 45 per cent., while from the winter wheat States of the United States of America we have estimates of enhanced crops varying from 12 per cent. to 20 per cent. And no doubt there will also be an extension of the spring wheat area next year.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

LAU YUK LIN.

PERTH, Jan. 27.

It is reported that the late Chinese Minister in London, Lau Yuk Lin, left England on the 24th inst.

REPENTANT REBELS.

Several rebels are stated to have followed the example of Nau Wing King, and have forwarded telegrams of repentance.

DURATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

Ling Kin Chung, the Civil Governor of Kwai Chow, has requested that the National Assembly be abolished within 10 years.

THE LAND TAX.

The Government has notified landlords that if they refuse to pay taxes levied upon them after a specified time they are liable to be arrested, fined and have their lands confiscated.

SPORTING.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Garrison on the Club ground on Saturday, 30th January. Play will commence at 2.15 p.m.:—R. Hancock (Captain), R. N. Anderson, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Gae, R. Kennedy, M. M. Maas, F. J. R. Mitchell, S. S. Moore, T. E. Pearce, G. R. Sayer and R. P. Thursfield.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

R.E. POLICE.

The Royal Engineers yesterday opposed the Police in a friendly match, which culminated in a draw of 2 goals each. It was the first appearance this season of the Engineers, who are looking forward to taking a part in coming competitions.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE WIN.

In the Second Division of the League yesterday Queen's College defeated the University by one goal to nil. The game was well-contested.

POLICE v. CLUB.

The Hongkong F. C. and the Police will again meet on Saturday in the first round of the Shield competition. Last week the Club returned victory by the only goal scored in the match. The Police are hopeful and as there is much determination on the other side the match should be a good one.

A TIGER IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

Apparently driven south by the recent cold snap, a tiger visited the New Territory and killed a pony, which it partly devoured. The owner of the pony is a farmer living at the Ping Yung village situated on the boundary between the New Territory and the Kowloon Station. On Monday the pony was set to graze in a field on the farm, and during the night it was attacked by the tiger. P. C. Goucher visited the farm and near the pony's carcass found the spoor of a tiger, measuring eight inches across.

THE UNIVERSITY FETE.

The Colony will have an opportunity on Saturday next of enjoying itself, and doubtless plenty of people will take advantage of the chance to see over the University and to attend the excellent concert, of which we have some idea as we have seen an advance copy of the programme. The admission to the grounds is 50 cents and this includes entrance to the concert. It should be noticed that children will be charged the same fees as adults. Tickets are obtainable from various well known ladies connected with the University but payment may be made at the gates. It is quite possible for the visitors to thoroughly enjoy themselves for a half-dollar entrance fee as there will be a Military band, and all the Scientific Laboratories will be on view. For those who wish to try their skill there are various side-shows, such as "Aunt Sally" etc. while for the children of all ages a Punch and Judy show has been provided. Chinese Magicians and Marionettes will also perform, and these side-shows require only a few 10 cent pieces to enable the visitor to see them all.

In connection with the concert H.E. the Governor has very kindly consented to give a recitation and various other well-known people have their names on the programme. A certain amount of activity is noticeable at the University which leads us to suppose that efforts are being made to provide suitable decorations. In any case there seems to be plenty provided for the small entrance fee of 50 cents and as all of the proceeds will go direct to the Prince Wales' Fund it is to be hoped that a good sum will be realised.

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of an aged couple who lived on the Island of Cheung Chau and obtained their living by fishing. On the 21st inst., the couple, who are 72 and 71 years old respectively, went out in their boat to fish. Nothing whatever has been heard of them. They left Cheung Chau harbour bound in the direction of the Ni Ku Chau Island. Yesterday a search was conducted and the boat was found utterly broken up on the rocks of Ni Ku Chau. Several pieces of clothing were picked out of the water but no trace could be found of 325 silver dollars which were known to be on board the boat, together with a quantity of jewellery.

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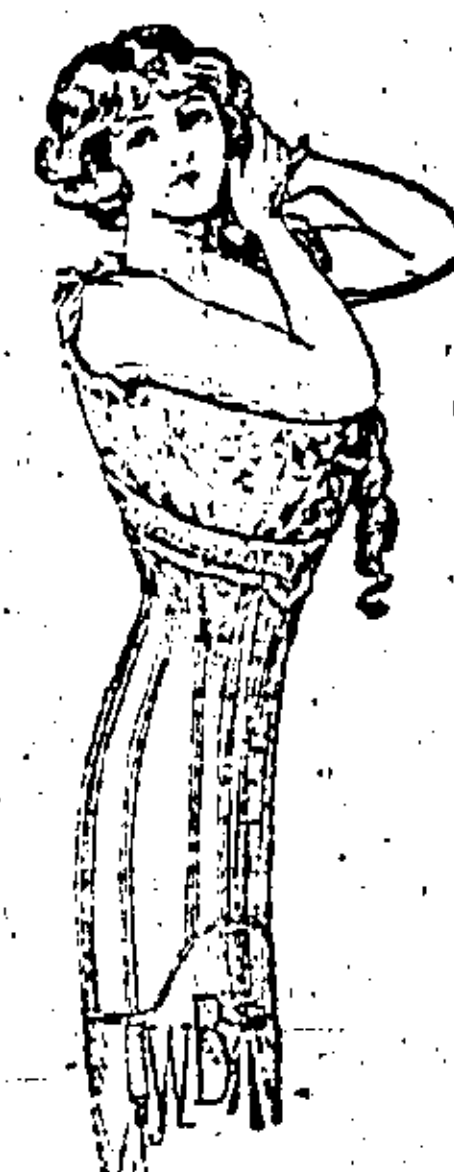
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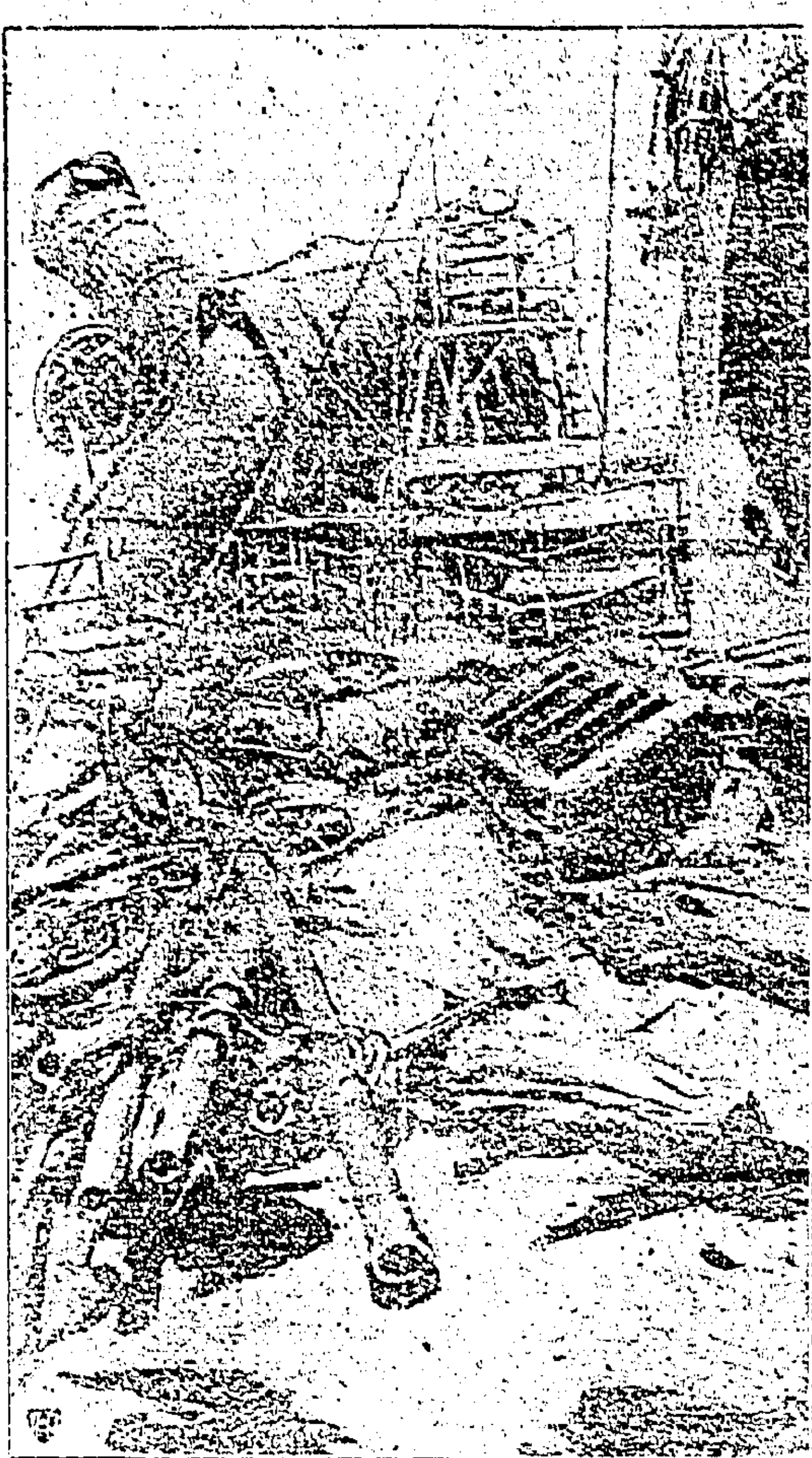
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THE WRECK OF THE "EMDEN."

HEIDELBERG IN WAR-TIME.

Interview with Headmaster.

CHANGE IN PUBLIC FEELING.

The headmaster of Heidelberg College, Mr. Arthur R. Catty, has with other Englishmen who have hitherto been allowed to remain there at last been driven out of Heidelberg. He has just returned to England, and in an interview with a representative of *The Observer* he gave an interesting outline of the conditions that prevail there and of the marked change of feeling that is coming over German public opinion.

"There is," he began by saying, "no distress or want in Heidelberg. Prices of food and certain other commodities have, however, gone up slightly. Sugar, for example, has risen from about 4d. to 5d. a pound. Bread, from the first of this month, has to be made throughout Germany of a mixture of wheat, rye and potato meal, instead of ordinary flour, and to be sold everywhere at a uniform price. Hitherto, it has been as cheap and as plentiful as usual.

"Meat has gone up about 20 per cent. Instead of paying 1 mark 20 a pound people have been paying 1 mark 45 or 50. Petroleum is not to be obtained by the general public. Kibbles are also scarce.

"As to recruiting, all the young men and all the more active men up to the age of 45 are gone to the front. The only recruits who are coming in now are less efficient men from 45 to 45. We had quartered on us five men of this class, none of them fit for military service, and all grey-haired and very fat. About the streets you never see a young soldier, unless he is invalided.

"The number of wounded in Heidelberg has been enormous. They were able to take seven or eight thousand, and at first the hospitals were overcrowded. Since Professor Czerny gave a lecture on the transport of the wounded and complained that they were brought into our hospital in dirty cattle trucks, unattended by nurses or orderlies, and their wounds inefficiently dressed, fewer have been brought to Heidelberg. In Ludwigsplatz, on the opposite side of the Rhine, the authorities were forced to use to private people to quarter the less seriously wounded.

"Public opinion has been undergoing a change. At the beginning everyone was sure that Paris and the whole of France would be conquered by the end of November, Russia would not be ready for any campaign at all till the spring, and that after France and Russia were destroyed it would be England's turn to be attacked.

"This belief held ground until the beginning of last month, when gradually a change came over public opinion. People began to see that the German plans had absolutely failed, and to recognize that it was possible that a second line of defence would be necessary.

CIVIL SHOPKEEPERS.

"The common people, on the other hand, are very friendly to the English whom they know. Shopkeepers, for example go out of their way to be civil. They are already selling out for the war to end and for the return of the English who are among their best customers.

"I have no wish to say a single word that would seem to advertise Heidelberg College, but if I have been told once, I have been told fifty times that it must on no account be allowed to cease to exist. It is one of the English institutions that have brought profit to Germany. Business people recognize that English residents and English visitors have brought the main wealth to Heidelberg, and they want the war to end and this source of profit to continue."

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

January 27.
Chonan, British steamer, 1,354, Lloyd Jones, Shanghai Jan. 24, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Katori Maru, Japanese str., 8,518, E. Kon, Shanghai Jan. 24, General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

January 28.
Myosin Maru, Japanese str., 2,861, E. Munkata, Penang and Singapore Jan. 17, General—M. B. K.
Labin Maru, Japanese steamer, 921, R. Minagawa, Tokyo Jan. 28—CHUNSEI.
Thiboda, Dutch str., 3,500, E. H. Kroes, Macassar Jan. 21, Sugar—JAVA-KROES JAPAN LUN.

Hongkong, British steamer, 2,555, D. Thehand, Singapore January 18, General—CHUNSEI.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Chonan, from Shanghai, Mrs. McLean, Mr. Maitland.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Japanese steamer *Myosin Maru* from Singapore reports: Strong N.E. monsoon and squally weather.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

ARRIVED.
The M. M. Co.'s str. *Ville de la Ciotat* with the French Mail, is due to arrive here on Friday, the 29th January.

Other Vessels.

The E. & A. str. *Aldenharn* from Sydney, &c., left Manila for this port on the 25th January, and may be expected to arrive here on Thursday morning, the 28th January.

The E. & A. str. *St. Albans* left Sydney for this port (via Queensland Ports and Manila) on the 27th January, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 18th February.

Temperature.

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BAROMETER	5 A.M.	30.03	30.06
Do.	1 P.M.	30.04	30.04
Do.	4 P.M.	30.02	30.02
THERMOMETER	9 A.M.	80	82
Do.	1 P.M.	87	87
Do.	4 P.M.	87	87
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	81	81
Do. (Wet bulb)	1 P.M.	82	82
Do. (Wet bulb)	4 P.M.	82	82
Do. Maximum	87		
Do. Minimum (9 p.m. night)	75		

HEAD, HANDS, FACE MASS OF ERUPTION

Disfigured Face and Neck. Hands in Terrible State. No Rest At Night for Itching and Burning. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Healed.

6, Durham St., Grangetown, Cardiff, S. Wales.—"My head, hands and face were one mass of sores with the eczema I had. When I rubbed them water would run from them and wherever the water went a fresh eruption of sores would break out. It disfigured my face and neck but my hands were in a terrible state. I had to wrap my head in cotton wool and I had no rest at night for the itching and burning. I could not do anything about the house and I had to employ a girl for the time being to do my housework.

I tried ointments and herbs but they did me no good and I even underwent a treatment. At last a friend asked me to get some Cuticura Soap and Ointment so I wrote for a free sample of each. I washed the affected parts with Cuticura Soap and water and put the Cuticura Ointment on. I have had a set of Cuticura Soap and Ointment since and they thoroughly cured me." (Signed) Mrs. A. Wheeler, Jan. 21, 1914.

Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are most successful in the treatment of eruptions of the skin, scalp, hair, face and hands, they are also most valuable for everyday use in the toilet, bath and nursery because they promote and maintain the health of the skin and hair from infancy to age.

Samples Free by Post
Although Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers throughout the world, a liberal sample of each with 2-p. Skin Book will be sent free upon request. Address post-card: F. Newbery & Sons, 27, Charterhouse Sq., London.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

A registered packet said to contain photographs posted by the Victoria Studio, Oswald St., Bedford, is lying in this office, the address being illegible except for the words Mount Kelle, Hongkong.

The Public are informed that Gold and Silver in Coin or Bullion and Paper Money cannot be accepted for transmission through the Post without a permit issued by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

The Pillar Box at the junction of Percival Street and Praya East has now been removed to Canaway Bay. It will be cleared at the following times:—
8.0 and 11.0 a.m. 2.00 and 5.00 p.m.
8.00 a.m. on Sundays and Holidays.

The s.s. *Nubia* with the Mail from London (via Siberia) of Thursday, the 24th Dec., is due to arrive here on Thursday, the 28th inst.

Mails will close for:

SWATOW & BANGKOK.
Per *Tanqua*, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 29th Jan.

STRAITS, BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA.
Per *Banri Maru*, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 29th Jan.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH.
Per *Hatchin*, at 1 p.m., on Friday, the 29th Jan.

JAPAN VIA MOJI.
Per *Enkaku Maru*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 29th Jan.

SHANGHAI—NORTH CHINA & JAPAN VIA KOBE.
("Europe via Siberia").
Per *Ville de la Ciotat*, on Friday, the 29th Jan.

Registration at 3.30 p.m.
Letters 4 p.m.
(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai British P.O., Monday, 1st Feb.)

HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.
Per *Shokan*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 30th Jan.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
("Europe via Siberia").
Per *Shokan*, Registration 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 30th Jan. Letters 9 a.m. on Sunday.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai British P.O., Monday, 1st Feb.)

SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA VIA TAMPUL.
Per *Dagui Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 31st Jan.

SAIGON.
Per *Perant*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 31st Jan.

SWATOW.
Per *Enkaku Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 31st Jan.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH.
Per *Kaipo Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Monday, the 1st Feb.

PAKHOI & HAIPHONG.
Per *Kaipo Maru*, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd Feb.

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADE LAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADE, EGYPT & EUROPE.

Per *Rubia*, on Friday, the 29th Jan. Printed Matter and Sample at noon.

Registration, Kowloon P.O., 11.30 a.m. Letters at 9.00 p.m.

Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in times for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Thursday, the 28th Jan., at 5 p.m.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day	On date at 5 A.M.	On date at 5 P.M.
Barometer	29.99	30.03
Temperature	80	84
Humidity	79	86
Direction of Wind	S	W
Force	2	0
Weather	0	0
Cloud	0	0

Notes:—Open Air thermometer on the roof of the office. (Wet bulb) 1 P.M. 82. (Wet bulb) 4 P.M. 82.

T. F. CHAIKIN, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 28, 1915.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 28th at 11.00—Pressure has decreased quickly over Japan and the Loochoos and risen moderately to considerably over the coasts of China and Annam.

The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific and another area of high pressure has formed over N. China. The depression near Shanghai yesterday had moved quickly eastward and deepened considerably. It is now central in the neighbourhood of Nagasaki. The depression over Indo-China has filled up.

Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail over the east and south coasts of China and the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 29th.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine, cloudy, later.

2.—Formosa Channel: N. E. winds, moderate to fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, January 28, 1915.

On London—	1/2	94
Bank Wire	1/2	94
On demand	1/2	94
30 days sight	1/2	94
4 months sight	1/2	94
Credit, 4 months sight	1/2	94
Documentary, 4 months sight	1/2	94
On Paris—	221	1/2
On demand	221	1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	221	1/2
On Berlin—	133	1/2
On demand	133	1/2
On New York—	43	1/2
On demand	43	1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	43	1/2
On Bombay—	133	1/2
On demand	133	1/2
On Calcutta—	133	1/2
On demand	133	1/2
On Singapore—	74	1/2
On demand	74	1/2
On Manila—	87	1/2
On demand	87	1/2
On Shanghai—	78	1/2
On demand	78	1/2
30 days sight (private paper)	78	1/2
On Yokohama—	37	1/2
On demand	37	1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per ton)	111.10	
Sovereigns (Bank's Buying Rate)	111.10	
Silver (per oz.)	52	
Rar Silver in Hongkong	4 1/2	
Chinese Copper Cash	par	
Chinese Copper Cents	8 1/2	
Rate of Native Interest	6 1/2	
Chinese Sub. Coin	153 1/2	
Hongkong Sub. Coin	15 1/2	

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 28, 1915.

Stocks	No. of Shares	Value	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Cash.	Bank Board Div
BANKS.					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corp.	125,000	\$125	all	\$805 buyers 1/20	
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Centon Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$100	\$50	\$340 sellers	
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$100	2 1/2	Tls. 160 buyers	
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	15,000	\$250	\$100	\$780	
Yangtze Insurance Assoc., Ltd.	15,000	\$100	\$50	\$200 buyers	
FIRE INSURANCES.					
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$100	\$30	\$150	
Hongkong Fire Insur. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$110	\$50	\$390 buyers	
DOCKS, ETC.					
H.K. & W. Poon Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$57 1/2 sellers	
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	18,000	6 1/2	all	—	
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	55,780	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 51	
STRAITS, RUGS, ETC.					
China and Manille S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	65 1/2	all	\$6 buyers	
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$45	all	\$30 sellers	
H.K., C. & M. S. B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$10	all	\$19 by're \$10 1/2	
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	60,000	25	all	\$36 sellers	
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$10	all	\$38 sellers	
Shall Trans. & Trad. Co., Ltd.	5,000,000	41	all	\$2 1/2	
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Company, Limited	80,000	\$108	all	\$88 buyers	
United Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$180	all	\$12 1/2 buyers	
WEAVERS.					
H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co.	65,000	50	all	\$70	
Shanghai H. Hengkw Wharf Co.	65,000	Tls. 180	all	Tls. 81	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.					
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited	50,000	\$100	all	\$114 sellers	
Hongkong Central Estate Ltd.	10,000	\$100	all	\$99	
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co. Ltd.	25,000	\$100	\$75	\$200	
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 100	
Kowloon Land & Building Co.	6,000	\$65	\$30	\$44	
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2	
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$55	all	\$71	
TRAMWAYS.					
The Peak Tramway Co., Ltd.	55,000	\$15	all	\$10 buyers	
	50,000	\$15	\$1	90 cts. buyers	
MINING.					
Chinese Engin. Mining Co., Ltd.	1,800,000	4	all	\$2 1/2 sellers	
Troop's Mines, Limited	160,000	1	all	\$7 1/2	
Heawood Tin & Rub. Estate, Ltd.	\$25,000	2 1/2	all	—	
Ramb. Ass. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	500,000	41	all	\$2.60 buyers	
HOTELS, ETC.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	\$124 buyers	
REFRIGERATORS.					
A. G. Watson & Co., Limited	80,000	\$15	all	\$8.90 sellers	
LIGHTING.					
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$36 1/2	
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$10	all	\$57 buyers	
Union Waterboet Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$18	
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	80,000	\$7 1/2	\$0	\$35 sellers	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	4,000	\$35	all	\$190	
H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	68,000	\$10	all	\$25 buyers	
H.K. & S. O. S. Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$5	all	\$2	
H.K. Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd. (In Liquidation).	155,000	\$15	all	\$8 buyers	
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited	80,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 130 buyers	
Manchaphill tot Min. Douc- an Leachoungpittia la Lengh	550,000	G. 15	all	Tls. 43	
China Provident Loan Man- gag Co., Limited	800,000	\$10	all	\$7.90 buyers	
China Borneo Company, Limited	68,000	\$10	all	\$11	
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$7 calla-	
South China Morning Post	6,000	\$10	all	\$28	
China Light & Power Company	55,000	\$1	all	\$4 calla-	
Steam Laundry Co., Limited	80,000	\$5	all	\$4 calla-	
Southern Co. Paper of Paper- s Co. Trunk	15,000	\$5	all	—	
H.K. Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	225,000	6 1/2	all	\$51 sales	
LOAN.					
Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotations.		
On 100 Imperial 1888	Tls. 787,250	Tls. 2007 1/2 p annum	Par		
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